

HONORING BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT JOANNE K. GLASSER

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support to honor the groundbreaking accomplishments of Bradley University President Joanne K. Glasser.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, President Glasser is a graduate of George Washington University, the University of Maryland School of Law, and the Harvard University Graduate Institute of Education for Higher Education Management.

Joanne grew up in a diverse Baltimore neighborhood and has had friends and neighbors of different cultures, different religions and different backgrounds. That personal history, and the inclusive example set by her mother and father, has inspired President Glasser to strive to provide educational opportunities for all students, no matter their race, religion or economic circumstance. She believes in promoting diversity and advances it by actively recruiting students who, without her leadership, would not have the chance to attend a private university.

President Glasser is an inspiration to many for creating history where ever she goes. President Glasser became the first woman president at Eastern Kentucky University in 2001. She repeated that honor in 2007 when she was named president of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, an institution founded in 1897 by another trailblazing woman, Lydia Moss Bradley. Earlier in her career, Ms. Glasser was the first woman to be labor commissioner of Baltimore County.

Today, we honor the work President Glasser has done in further closing the achievement gap among low-socioeconomic and Latino students throughout Orange County. She is committed to broadening both regional and ethnic diversity at Bradley University. Her staff has worked tirelessly to find ways for low-socioeconomic students to afford the top-notch education that Bradley University offers.

Pricilla Merritt-Bravo, a junior at Bradley University and vice president of the Bradley Speech Team, explains, "President Glasser is small in stature, but the power that is felt when she comes into a room is great. She is an inspiration not only to women like myself

but the entire student body. She believes in dreaming big dreams and striving to achieve them. For myself, going to college was a dream and graduating was a fantasy. President Glasser believed in me and made it possible for me to be here and demonstrate that, if given the chance, those of us who come from limited means can fly."

Once again, I rise in support of the accomplishments of President Joanne Glasser and Bradley University for furthering education for all people. Joanne's commitment to diversity and the well-being of her students is unprecedented.

RECOGNIZING MRS. EVELYN HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the distinguished public service career of Mrs. Evelyn Howard. Mrs. Howard has dutifully served the Town of Ahoskie in Hertford County, North Carolina for 28 years, and will retire on January 31, 2011.

Mrs. Howard is a native of Ahoskie, graduating from Ahoskie High School. She then attended Shaw University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. At Shaw University, Mrs. Howard earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a major in Business Management and a minor in Public Administration. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu and Alpha Chi Honor Societies, and was included in the 2000 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She also received the United Negro College Fund/Avon Scholarship, The Carol Wilson Caldwell Memorial Legal Scholarship, Aramark Scholarship, the Pinnacle Award, and the Gold Award. A lifelong learner, Mrs. Howard also earned several certifications from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill Institute of Government.

Mrs. Howard began her career with the Town of Ahoskie in 1982 as an Office Clerk, and over her 28-year career she progressed professionally to serve as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Finance Officer, Town Clerk and Chief Finance Officer, and Interim Town Manager. Ultimately she would rise to become Ahoskie's Assistant Town Manager.

During her career, Mrs. Howard was an avid participant in several professional affiliations including the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks, the North Carolina Finance Officers Association, and she served on the board of the State Employees Credit Union.

Mrs. Howard is married to Mr. Earnest Howard. Together, the two have reared two daughters, Earnika and Etoria. They have been blessed with three granddaughters and two grandsons. Mrs. Howard thoroughly enjoys spending time with her family and being involved in her grandchildren's activities.

Mrs. Howard's nearly three-decade career in public service deserves the highest appreciation and commendation. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mrs. Evelyn Howard on the completion of a successful career, and in wishing her happiness in her retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
THOMAS J. DEVERIN

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Thomas J. Deverin, a lifelong public servant in New Jersey.

Mr. Deverin recently passed away in Edison, New Jersey.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Carteret for 60 years, the town in which he would later become Mayor.

He served as a legislator in the New Jersey State Assembly for eleven terms, serving as a member of the Assembly Joint Ethical Standards Committee, the Banking and Insurance Committee and the Health and Human Services Resources Committee throughout his tenure.

Additionally, he led the Assembly in various different capacities including Majority Leader Pro Tem, Minority Leader Pro Tem, Speaker Pro Tem and Majority Conference Chairman.

He not only faithfully served the district, he also served the country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II in the European and Asiatic Theaters of War.

Mr. Deverin dedicated his life to public service and the legacy he leaves behind in New Jersey will certainly not be forgotten.